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OF THE

Dorchester Relief Society

(FOUNDED 1879. INCORPORATED 1904)

For the Year Ending September 30, 1910

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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Dorchester Relief Society

Incorporated November 8, 1904

The Dorchester Relief Society has no new features to report in its work of the past year, which has been quietly but effectually supplying the needs of the aged, sick and unfortunate who have been in its care. We regret, as in former years, the inability, from lack of funds, to provide as liberally as many worthy individuals deserve. Our Agent uses much valuable time in traveling about endeavoring to procure help from old friends and relatives for those who may have such, and in appealing to special organizations when the case in hand may properly belong to them;—by this means saving contributions to the treasury of this Society by Dorchester persons for those who are alone and in most distress. It is a great disappointment that our churches with few exceptions do not show more substantial interest. We constantly have calls from the church workers to aid families whom they visit, but for some reason, are not considered suitable recipients of the charitable funds of their respective churches.

We are glad to mention a meeting arranged in his church by one clergyman, when Dorchester Charities was the subject, and representatives from several societies were invited to be present and tell the story of their special work; this society was among the number. Many in the audience at the end of the meeting expressed *much* surprise that such organizations existed in Dorchester, thus showing the advantage of such meetings. Will not other ministers plan similar meetings in their churches, if they are not able to help us with money?

The constant calls continue as in former years, for those ill with tuberculosis; payment of board in Rutland Sanitorium, carfares to the Mattapan Camp or the out-of-door school at Franklin Park, and a general fitting out with warm clothing which is very much in demand, and which our agent is frequently obliged to buy to enable these patients to be suitably dressed to avail themselves of the advantage of the much needed care and rest offered by these institutions. Does it not seem possible for the many residents of this large district to contribute this much needed supply of cast-off clothing in sufficient quantities to relieve their afflicted neighbors?

The needs of the tuberculosis patients who remain in their homes

is even greater. Milk and eggs in large quantities are prescribed by physicians, and nurses are employed by the Tuberculosis Society to obtain this nourishment from all possible sources, our Society being one most frequently called upon in Dorchester.

The Dorchester Dispensary was much gratified, after a visit from one of the Russell Sage Foundation visitors, when he pronounced it one of the best dispensaries that he had inspected in his tour of many cities. The location of the Dispensary has been changed and is now in the Robinson Building at Fields Corner and although the accommodations are much more convenient the rent is no larger.

The work of the Dispensary has increased during the year, and much relief has been given to the diseased poor, who have applied for medical aid; 146 cases have been treated.

The care of patients after leaving the Dispensary is followed up by the District Nurse and also by the agent of this Society, but more of these visits would be helpful to the physicians and they greatly desire a few volunteer visitors to assist in this branch of the work. Surgical instruments are needed in the Dispensary as the physicians are frequently called upon to perform minor operations.

The nurse whom we expected to continue for the year resigned in January. Experience has shown that a nurse from the Instructive District Nursing Association with the training of, and continued wise guidance of that Association is much more valuable than one who works independently. Therefore notwithstanding the difficulty we have had to meet the expense of such a nurse, we have confidence and faith to believe that the money will come to meet this expense and have engaged a nurse from the Instructive District Nursing Association, for one year at the salary of $1,000.

The instruction given in the homes where the nurse visits is a very important part of her usefulness, and the interest shown by the older children to be taught is very encouraging. The attendance of the nurse at the Dispensary is also a necessary part of her work.

The Nathaniel Hall Society of the First Parish Church has continued and increased its interest of last year—visiting ten old persons during the winter and providing eight families with Thanksgiving dinners, and preparing many bandages for use in the Dispensary. The help of these young persons is of great value, the brightness they take into the homes is much enjoyed.

As usual the teachers in eight of our Public Schools interested their pupils to contribute groceries, fruit and vegetables, which were distributed among ninety-three families at Thanksgiving. This most pleasant custom gives much happiness beside the substantial help to

those who otherwise would have meagre Thanksgiving dinners.

The Boston Elevated Railroad again generously remembered us and gave two hundred car tickets, which were distributed with care to those most needing the recreation.

The Dorchester Relief Society has been called upon to aid, in various ways, 135 families and individuals, 96 of whom were referred for aid by the Associated Charities. We desire to keep in close touch with this organization believing the benefits are mutual. The 39 cases which have been wholly in our care have been elderly persons without families who were in need of suitable boarding places where they would receive care, or of being placed in institutions where it was found more advantageous in cases of illness. Several of these old persons have been in our care for years and will continue to be during their lives.

In some instances relatives or persons interested have put sums of money into the hands of the agent to be used at the discretion of the Society thereby showing much confidence in its methods.

We acknowledge with much gratitude all donations of money, clothing, and supplies received from individuals, schools and organizations.

We appeal more earnestly, if possible, than in previous years, for gifts of money and clothing for which the need is most imperative.

It would be a great misfortune to the poor of Dorchester if any branch of this Society's work should be given up, but we can only hope that this will not be necessary and that the contributious will be larger and more numerous than in former years, and that our already generous friends will continue to remember us.

All packages will be called for if a card is sent to Miss H. E. Bruce, 204 Adams Street, Dorchester, stating the name and address of those wishing to contribute.

S. FRANK KING NASH, *Clerk.*

OFFICERS, 1910 - 1911

of DORCHESTER RELIEF SOCIETY (Incorporated).

RICHARD C. HUMPHREYS, *President*,
49 Humphreys Street, Dorchester.

MRS. CHARLES L. BRIGHAM, *Vice-President*.

MRS. S. FRANK KING NASH, *Clerk*,
23 Everett Street, Dorchester.

Agent.

MISS H. EUGENIA BRUCE,
204 Adams Street, Field's Corner, Dorchester. Hours 10 A.M. to 11 A.M.

CLARENCE B. HUMPHREYS, *Treasurer*, 49 Humphreys Street.

MISS CHARLOTTE E. CALDWELL, *Assistant Treasurer*, 45 Alban Street.

AUGUSTUS NICKERSON, *Auditor*.

CHARLES L. CARR, *Counsel*.

Trustees of Permanent Funds.

STEPHEN H. WHIDDEN. *Term expires 1911*.

*GEORGE G. BRADFORD. *Term expires 1912*.

RICHARD C. HUMPHREYS. *Term expires 1913*.

Executive Committee.

MISS H. A. BRIGGS.
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WILLIAM Q. WALES.
*STEPHEN H. WHIDDEN.
EDWARD B. WILDER.

*Members of Finance Committee.

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending September 30, 1910.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Nurse Account, October 1, 1909	$22.60	
Dispensary Account, October 1, 1909	6.44	
Relief Society Account, October 1, 1909	36.73	$65.77
Contributions, Nurse Account		
Collected by Treasurers	929.00	
Collected by Nurse	16.00	945.00
Contributions, Dispensary Account		
Collected by Treasurers	305.00	
From Other Agencies	10.74	315.74
Contributions, Relief Society Account		
Collected by Treasurers	1,324.96	
Special Annuity Fund	200.00	
From Other Agencies	883.42	2,408.38
Contributions, Associated Charities		334.00
Income from Investments and Interest on Deposits		118.08
		$4,186.97

EXPENDITURES.

Relief Society Account—Aid:		
Groceries, Milk, etc.	$583.23	
Medicine, Nursing, etc.	153.35	
Shoes, Clothing, etc.	61.81	
Fuel	129.27	
Cash, Loans, Car fares, etc.	364.90	
Board, Rent, etc.	443.42	
Miscellaneous	15.88	1,751.86
Relief Society Account—Current Expenses		
Salary to Agent	390.00	
Janitor	22.00	
Rent and Care of Rooms	128.86	
Postage, Printing, Stationery, etc.	72.25	
Telephone, Car-fares, etc.	42.45	
Miscellaneous	2.15	657.71
Dispensary Account:		
Salary to Agent	100.00	
Rent	50.00	
Supplies and Care of Rooms	163.50	313.50
Nurse Account:		
Salary to Nurse	183.00	
Instructive District Nursing Association	750.00	
Supplies	17.44	950.44
Associated Charities: Contributions remitted		334.00
Balance on hand September 30, 1910:		
Nurse Account	17.16	
Dispensary Account	8.68	
Special Annuity (restricted)	134.00	
Relief Society Account	19.62	179.46
		$4,186.97
Balance of Fuel Fund in Dorchester Savings Bank		$237.61

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE B. HUMPHREYS, Treasurer.

October 1, 1910.

Report of Trustees of Permanent Fund.

DORCHESTER RELIEF SOCIETY,

For Year ending September 30, 1910.

PERMANENT FUNDS.

The Martha Clapp Fund	$100.00	
The Martha A. Foster Fund	1,000.00	
The Mary Ann Humphreys Fund	1,279.75	
Life Membership and Donations to Permanent Funds	125.00	
Reserve	37.28	$2,542.03

INVESTMENTS.

United Electric Securities Co., 18th Series, C C 260—5% Bond @ par		$1,000.00	
Central Vermont Railway Co., 1st Mortgage, 4% Bonds. Par value 1500 @ 80		1,200.00	
Franklin Savings Bank Book No. 75383		311.01	
Dorchester Savings Bank Book No. 3750		201.18	$2,712.19
Principal	$2,542.03		
Income	170.16		$2,712.19

RECEIPTS.

Interest from Savings Banks	$15.78	
Income from Central Vermont Railway Bonds	60.00	
Income from United Electric Co. Bonds	50.00	
Premium from Exchange of United Electric Co. Bond	10.00	$135.78

PAYMENTS.

Payment to Treasurer for Current Expenses	$110.00	
Deposit in Savings Banks:		
To Principal Account	10.00	
" Income Account	15.78	$135.78

BOSTON, November 12, 1910.

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the books and annual report of Mr. Clarence B. Humphreys, your Treasurer, to September 30, 1910, and find that all payments are properly vouched for, that the required balance of cash was on deposit at the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company and that the securities and Savings Bank books were deposited in the Union Safe Deposit Vaults.

AUGUSTUS NICKERSON, Certified Public Accountant.

DISPENSARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Medical Committee.

DR. SAMUEL CROWELL, Chairman.
DR. HENRY C. TOWLE,
DR. HANNAH G. MYRICK,
DR. O. H. ROGERS.

Representatives of the Dorchester Relief Society.

RICHARD C. HUMPHREYS,
N. WINTHROP ROBINSON.

Representative of Dorchester Conference of Associated Charities.

MRS. MCHENRY ROBINSON.

Staff.

DR. C. P. SYLVESTER, DR. W. W. BARKER,
DR. W. C. EMERY, DR. W. H. PARKER,
DR. G. W. WINCHESTER.

The Dorchester Free Dispensary, opened July 1, 1906, has finished its fourth year with a record very satisfactory to those who have been interested in it during its successive years of growth.

Started somewhat as an experiment, it has grown in a comparatively short time to be a very necessary institution to the worthy poor in the Fields Corner district.

Ten hundred and fifty-seven patients were treated there during the past year, an increase of 118 over the previous year. Thirty-two of these were surgical cases, principally operations under ether for the removal of diseased tonsils and adenoids.

While these figures show a satisfactory increase in the number of patients treated, the clinics would be much more extensively attended if it were not for two facts. One is, that since we have during previous years rejected six per cent of applicants (which is twenty times as large a per cent as is rejected by any other known dispensary in Massachusetts) it has become rumored among those who otherwise would apply that we are over-careful about whom we accept and they go where there is less investigation and no suggestions that they are unworthy of and imposing upon charity. Another reason why the growth has not been even greater is, that knowledge

of its existence and objects has not been acquired by many still in need of it. We haven't tried to make it too popular even with the very needy for we are living up to our income now and are in need of quite a few articles to run the clinics properly and smoothly.

It was found necessary recently to move our dispensary quarters and the change is an improvement in the convenience of carrying on our medical and surgical work,—to the patients, the physicians and the Dorchester Relief Society; for we are on the same floor at 204 Adams Street, with the office of the Society, and can easily consult with Miss Bruce regarding social conditions of the patients which play such an important part in their ill-health.

We are going to carry the social work into the home more extensively this year in connection with the dispensary work, for we know that it is often in the home only that we get the secret of the cause of the broken health and also the cue for the removal of it. We are in need of trained volunteer workers to help along these lines.

Fortunately, we are better supplied as to nurses this year. We have one graduate who is expected to remain throughout the year and who can, therefore, get well enough acquainted with some of the patients to gain their confidence and in that way better find out the fundamental cause of their trouble, and suggest the path out of it. Then we have an undergraduate who is expected to get training in social work and she will be very much of a help to us, I hope; for we need a nurse whom we can send into the homes of our patients to see that they at least fairly well understand how to carry out our dispensary directions and who can report to us on the social conditions of the home.

Now as to our rooms and supplies: There are many things which we would like to have and which some day we are going to have, for someone appreciating the very profitable work the dispensary is capable of doing is going to tell us to fit it up in the most up-to-date manner and send him or her the bill, which will not be very large. In the meantime, there are a few things which we must have; such as, rubber aprons and sheeting for doctors, nurses and patients, basins, brushes, dry heat sterilizer, and a few instruments, all of which would not cost more than $25. Then one of the floors of our present rooms is mostly splinters and needs linoleum badly. As Mrs. Brigham, who rents us our rooms at the nominal rate of $50. per year, has already spent for repairs about $40. she should not be asked to do any more this year.

The economy of contributing to a cause whereby the sick are made self-supporting is self-evident and saves many future contribu-

tions to the various other charitable organizations where these cases would apply for aid.

More than that, as previously mentioned, there is practically no abuse in this charity for which your money is donated and the physicians of the staff stand ready to devote more of their time to the service as soon as the financial condition of this branch of the Dorchester Relief Society will permit.

CHARLES P. SYLVESTER,

For the Dispensary Staff.

Annual Subscriptions and Donations for Dorchester Relief Society.

Please notify the Treasurer of any errors or omissions.

A Friend	$ 5.00
Arakelyan, J. J.	5.00
Bates, Mrs. Henry L.	2.00
Bates, George P.	15.00
Baldwin, Mrs. C. H.	10.00
"Bay State Road"	5.00
Bellamy, Mrs. Wm.	5.00
Bolles, Mrs. H. Eugene	10.00
Bonney, Miss Amy G.	1.00
Brigham, Mrs. F. E.	10.00
Brigham, Mrs. Mary C.	3.00
Burditt, Mrs. Charles A.	2.50
Bufford, Mrs. Charlotte L.	10.00
Callender, Miss Caroline S.	5.00
Callender, Mrs. Henry (in memory of)	10.00
Caldwell, Miss C. E.	5.00
Caldwell, Miss E. M.	1.00
Campbell, Miss E. L.	1.00
Capen, Edward N.	5.00
Carr, Charles L.	5.00
Carr, Miss Louise L.	2.00
Carruth, Miss Ellen	3.00
Churchill, J. R.	3.00
Churchill, Mrs. J. R.	2.00
"Cash"	1.00
Clark, Mrs. A. C.	5.00
Copeland, Mrs. William A.	5.00
Clapp, James H.	1.00
Cushing, Miss Susan T.	3.00
Cutter, Frank W.	15.00
Cutter, Mrs. Frank W.	10.00
Cutter, W. H.	10.00
Current Topics Club of Dorchester	10.00
Curtis, Mrs. Henry	5.00
Crowell, Mrs. Samuel	2.00
Daly, Mrs. J. M.	1.00
Denton, Miss Susan E.	5.00
Dodge, Miss Emma F.	2.00
Dorchester Woman's Club	50.00
Downes, Mrs. Frederick O.	2.00
Eastman, E. F.	10.00
Eastman, George A.	5.00
Eddy, Miss Lydia H.	2.00
Eddy, Mrs. Isaac H.	5.00
Estabrook, Mrs. G. W.	2.00
E. S. C.	100.00
First Parish Sunday School	15.00
Foster, Mrs. C. D.	1.00
Fowle, Horace S.	2.00
Fullerton, Mrs. Mary A.	1.00
"From a Friend"	7.50
Gleason, Reuben	$10.00
Gordon, Jason D.	2.00
Hall, Henry	5.00
Hall, Mrs. Solomon	10.00
Hanson, Mrs. A. S.	5.00
Hearsey, Mrs. Sarah E.	15.00
Howe, Edward J.	20.00
Howe, Mrs. J. S.	5.00
Humphreys, Miss Anna	15.00
Humphreys, James H.	10.00
Humphreys, Richard C.	65.00
"J. H. E."	5.00
Jaynes, Charles P.	10.00
King, Theodore W.	25.00
Kimball, The Misses	12.50
Lantz, Mrs. Percy	1.00
Lewis, Mrs. E. J.	1.00
Linscott, Misses E. and A.	20.00
MacGregor, Miss E. T.	5.00
Methodist Church, Lower Mills	1.81
Morss, Daniel D.	10.00
Miller, E. L.	5.00
Nash, Frank K.	25.00
Nash, Mrs. Frank K.	40.00
Nightingale, Mrs. Crawford	5.00
Nichols, Mrs. Caroline E.	1.00
North, Mrs. F. O.	2.00
Noyes, Miss Mary E.	10.00
Paine, Rev. George L.	25.00
Parish Aid and Missionary Society, St. Mary's Church	5.00
Pearson, Mrs. E. H.	5.00
Perry, Arthur D.	25.00
Peters, Dr. E. D.	10.00
Pettee, Benjamin	5.00
Pierce, Miss Henrietta M.	5.00
Pierce, J. Homer	10.00
Pope, Mrs. Alexander	1.00
Pope, Mrs. Henry D.	1.00
Pratt, Laban	30.00
Reed, Mrs. George M.	3.00
Richardson, Charles O.	10.00
Robinson, Miss I. H.	3.00
Sayward, William H.	5.00
Second Church	52.64
Sharp, Everett H.	10.00
Shepard, Mrs. Otis	5.00
Shepard, Miss Emily B.	5.00
Shumway, Mrs. Mary T.	2.00
Snow, Mrs. F. B.	5.00
Snow, George W.	10.00
Soule, Mrs. E. P.	3.00
Smith, Mrs. C. D.	5.00

Smith, E. E.	5.00
Silsbee, Mrs. G. D.	1.00
Stearns, Albert H.	5.00
Stearns, F. P.	25.00
Stevens, Mrs. Edwin A.	2.00
Swan, Arthur R.	5.00
Swan, Miss Elizabeth B.	5.00
Swan, Mrs. Robert T.	5.00
Thanksgiving Collection, Temple Baptist Church	14.60
Thanksgiving Collection, St. John's Universalist Church	10.41
Thursday Morning Fortnightly Club (Coal)	20.00
Torrey, Elbridge	100.00
Townsend, Miss S. Cornelia	10.00
Turner, Mrs. William H.	15.00
Union Service Thanksgiving Day at Village Church	24.00
Wales, William Q.	10.00
Ware, Mrs. William M.	5.00
Wednesday Morning Club, First Church	10.00
Whidden, Stephen H.	25.00
Whitcomb, Mrs. E. E.	1.00
Wilder, Edward B.	5.00
Willard, Mrs. L. P.	2.00
Wood, Frank	25.00
Wood, Mrs. William A.	5.00
Young, J. A.	5.00
	$1,324.96

For Dispensary.

"A Friend"	100.00
Dorchester Woman's Club	50.00
First Parish Sunday School	15.00
Humphreys, Miss Anna	30.00
Humphreys, Richard C.	10.00
King, Theodore W.	25.00
Myrick, Miss Alice T.	5.00
Nash, Frank K.	10.00
Nash, Mrs. Frank K.	25.00
Nathaniel Hall Society	10.00
Paine, Rev. George L.	5.00
Pierce, J. Homer	5.00
Snow, Mrs. F. B.	5.00
Swan, Arthur R.	5.00
Swan, Miss Elizabeth B.	5.00
	$305.00

For District Nurse.

"A Friend"	$50.00
A Friend	1.00
A Friend	1.00
Alliance, Elizabeth P. Channing of Third Religious Society	5.00
Austin, Miss E. A.	5.00
Athena Club	50.00
Brigham, Mrs. Mary C.	3.00
Callender, (in memory of Mrs. Henry)	25.00
Chamberlain, Mrs. F. H.	2.00
Channing Church	2.00
Collins, C. H.	25.00
Current Topics Club of Dorchester	10.00
Civic Committee of Dorchester Woman's Club	90.00
Dorchester Woman's Club	100.00
Dorchester Woman's Club, by Mrs. C. F. Gettemy	116.00
Eddy, Miss Lydia H.	1.00
First Parish Benevolent Society	10.00
Grove Hall Universalist Church	5.00
Hall, Henry L.	100.00
Hearsey, Miss Sarah E.	10.00
Hinckley, Ralph G.	1.00
Horne, Mrs. E. T.	2.00
Humphreys, Richard C.	50.00
Jaynes, C. P.	10.00
King, Theodore W.	25.00
Ladies' Aid Society, St. John's Universalist Church	3.00
Myrick, Miss Alice T.	5.00
Nash, Frank K.	15.00
Nash, Mrs. Frank K.	25.00
Noyes, Miss Mary E.	10.00
Nute, Herbert N.	5.00
Paine, Rev. George L.	10.00
Priscilla Club	10.00
Pratt, Laban	50.00
Sayward, Mrs. William H.	5.00
Snow, Mrs. F. B.	5.00
Stearns, Miss M. L.	1.00
Swan, Miss E. B.	2.00
Teachers Harbor View School	3.00
Torrey, Elbridge	50.00
Whitcomb, Mrs. E. E.	1.00
Woman's Benevolent Society, Harvard Church	10.00
Young Ladies' Class, Pilgrim Church	20.00
	$929.00

Contributions for Associated Charities.

"Bay State Road"	$ 5.00
Bufford, Mrs. Charlotte L.	10.00
Burditt, Mrs. Charles A.	2.50
"E. S. C."	100.00
"A Friend"	5.00
"From a Friend"	7.50
Howe, Mrs. J. S.	5.00
Humphreys, Miss Anna	5.00
Humphreys, James H.	5.00
Humphreys, Richard C.	30.00
Kimball, The Misses	12.50
King, Theodore W.	10.00
Nash, Frank K.	20.00
Nash, Mrs. Frank K.	40.00
Paine, Rev. George L.	25.00
Pierce, J. Homer	10.00
Second Church	1.50
Shepard, Miss Emily B.	5.00
Shepard, Mrs. Otis	5.00
Snow, Mrs. F. B.	5.00
Stearns, Frederick P.	10.00
Swan, Mrs. Robert T.	5.00
Townsend, Miss S. Cornelia	10.00
	$334.00

Contributions of Special Articles.

Babcock, Mrs. John B.
Ballou, Mrs. A. M.
Blanchard, Mrs. Henry
Clapp, Mrs. Emma
Dennison, Mrs. Augustus
Dorchester Woman's Club.
Downes, Mrs. Fred. O.
Farwell, Mrs. E. S.
First Parish Benevolent Society
Fox, Mrs. W. S.
Fogg, Mrs. E. S.
Friend, A
Hall, Mrs. Henry
Helpers, The
May, Mrs. Frederick G.
Nash, Mrs. Frank K.
Nathaniel Hall Society
Nye, Mrs. Augustus S.
Peck, Mrs. A. C.
Robinson, Miss Isabella C.
Russell, Mrs. Mary
Sharp, Mrs, Everett
Southworth, Mrs. A. B.
Sunshine Club
Towle, Mrs. Henry C.
Vaughan, Mrs. Martha
Wales, Mrs. William Q.
Young, Mrs. Frank L.

For Dispensary.

Brigham, Mrs. Charles L.
McBeath, Mrs. John
Nash, Mrs. Frank K.
Nathaniel Hall Society
Robinson, Mrs. McHenry
Robinson, Mr. N. Winthrop
Silsbee, Mrs. G. D.
Wednesday Morning Sewing Club

For Nurse.

Dorchester Woman's Club

DORCHESTER RELIEF SOCIETY.

PURPOSE:

To provide relief and, if possible, employment for the worthy poor of Dorchester, and to help them to become self-supporting.

To make it possible for the Associated Charities:—

To protect the community from beggars and impostors, and

To prevent the increase of pauperism.

ADDRESS:

204 Adams Street, Field's Corner.

HOURS:

10 to 11 A.M. daily.